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CORRECTIONS

In the April 12 issue in the article, "Temporary Trailer Park" Anthony Hiles is actually Anthony Hile. Also, in "LeClerf fills vacant city manager position" his name is spelled Matt LeClerf.

VT SUPPORT

To honor and remember the students and campus at Virginia Tech, students, faculty and staff are invited to show their support by wearing maroon and orange Friday, April 20.

For more information, contact S245630@nwmissouri.edu.

COUNTERFEIT BILLS

Two counterfeit bills were found by a local business last weekend, and the Maryville Chamber of Commerce is warning other businesses to check all the \$20 bills and \$5 bills they receive.

FREE UMPIRE CLINIC

Maryville Parks and Recreation is offering a clinic for softball umpires at 6 p.m., Thursday, May 3, at the Maryville Community Center. The clinic will teach mechanics, positioning and rules of the game.

MPR also has positions available for anyone wishing to umpire summer softball games. Umpires are paid \$11 per game and can apply at the Maryville Community Center.

SPRING FLOWER SALE

St. Gregory's Barbarigo School is holding its annual Spring Flower Sale from noon to 6 p.m., Friday, at the St. Gregory's Barbarigo School gymnasium.

The arrangements being sold include two-gallon geraniums for \$12 and hanging baskets for \$15. All the money raised will go to the school.

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A video package of the Northwest Missourian and Tower Yearbook winning numerous awards this week at the Lake of the Ozarks.

—MODULAR CLASSROOMS

Mods to be removed

By Shane Sherwood
Missourian Reporter

President Dean Hubbard said the modular classrooms should no longer be apart of the Northwest campus by the Fall 2007 trimester.

The University now has plans to make the lower level of Valk the new history, humanities, philosophy and political science facility, which could be up and running

within two years.

While the mods have surpassed their two years of needed service, they continue to be a part of the University campus. Ray Courter, vice president of finance and support services, said the mods should be gone by Aug. 15.

Plans are also underway to renovate the lower level of Valk to relocate the history, humanities, philosophy and political science department. The remodeling would

cost approximately \$3.5 million, which could possibly add \$3 per credit hour to tuition. Increasing tuition would only be a temporary situation until Missouri started capital funding again or the loan the University would take out from the Northwest Foundation was paid back, Hubbard said.

The plans include six possible classrooms, a seminar classroom, office rooms

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When tanning becomes an addiction, some will risk their health for a 'healthy' glow

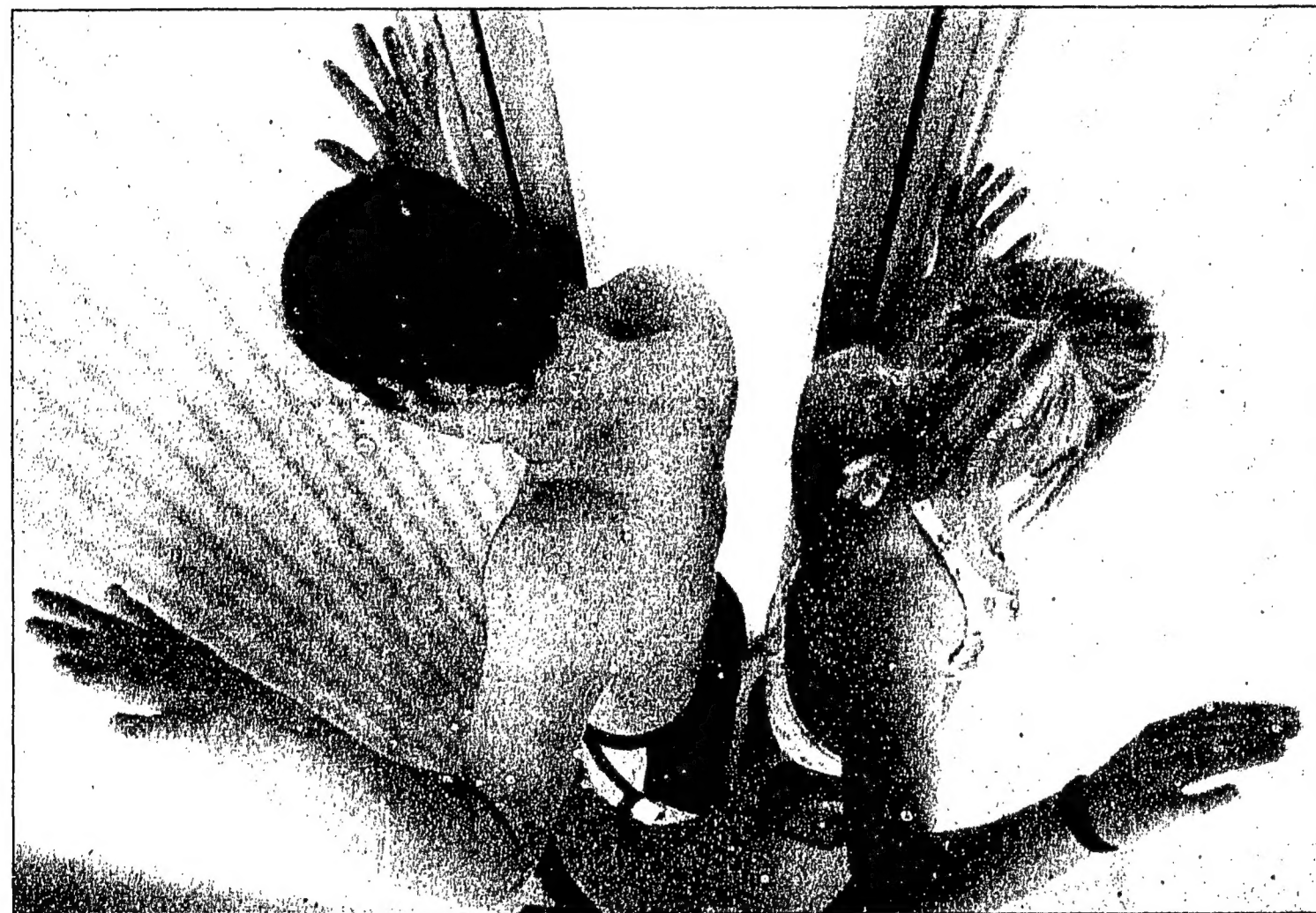


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EVEN THOUGH there are many dangers to tanning, 80 percent of teenagers continue to use indoor tanning facilities.

By Tara Adkins
Features Editor

Disclaimers plaster the walls of tanning salons to ensure tanners know what they're in for.

"Danger—Ultraviolet Radiation. Repeated exposure may cause premature aging of the skin and skin cancer."

With Mother Nature taunting everyone with her sporadic warm weather, many summer hopefuls head to these tanning beds to start bronzing bodies for what they consider a "healthy glow."

However, that glow is anything but healthy. "People have always liked the look of a tan. If someone is pale they are considered sickly, but if you have nice pink cheeks we tend to associate it with being healthy but it can often lead to cell damage," said Virginia Murr, director of wellness and assistant director of health services at the University Health Center.

The tanning trend has created a buzz of popularity through its \$5 billion a year industry among young women and men, American Academy of Dermatology Council.

Maryville's tanning salons, Beach Tanning

and Jass Tanning and Hair Styling Beauty Salon, average 120 to 200 customers daily, with well over the majority being female clients.

"Tanning just makes you feel good. It's a place you can go and relax. It's a quick fix and then you're good to go," said Pam Campbell, owner of Beach Tanning.

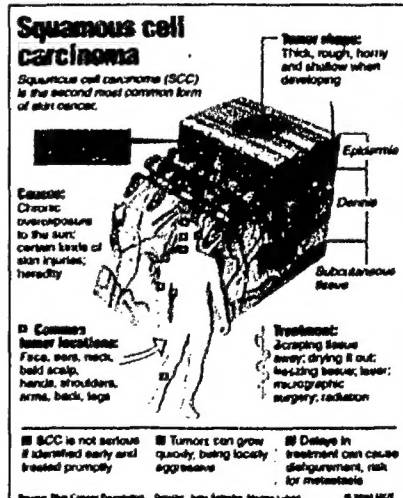
Northwest junior Julia Larson spends her spring months prepping for the bronzed look at the tanning beds to make her golden by summer.

"I go because I like the way tanned skin looks," Larson said. "I'm not really concerned. I know I should be and I know all the dangers, but I do it anyway."

Almost 80 percent of teens ages 12 to 17 said they know tanning can be dangerous, but 66 percent said people look better with a tan, according to The American Academy of Dermatology nationwide survey.

"The biggest risk is melanoma. We should be concerned because incidents have increased 7 to 10 percent per year and although we're making progress in cancer, tanning can still cause changes that can lead to melanoma and even death," Murr said.

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—AQUILA

Industries exempt from tax

Aquila not ordered to pay \$1.4 million franchise tax

By Andrea James
Chief Reporter

Reexamination of a 16-year-old city ordinance revealed Aquila's alleged \$1.4 million franchise tax debt was unfounded.

The city of Maryville imposes a franchise fee to businesses; however, the tax was never intended for utility companies, like Aquila, to be charged, said Matthew LeClerf, Maryville City Manager.

The organization that performed the audit of Maryville's businesses announced January 2007 that Aquila neglected to pay a franchise tax to the city. Taxfinders allegedly misunderstood the city ordinance and based their findings on incorrect information, LeClerf said.

"The assumption that Aquila owed the city of Maryville \$1.4 million is not substantial and unfounded," LeClerf said. "The ordinance does not specifically include industrial customers."

In 1991, the city of Maryville decided to exempt industries, specifically gas and electric, he said. Industrial customers have not been required to pay franchise tax for the past 16 years.

Aquila agrees with the city council that the ordinance does not cover industrial customers, Aquila spokesperson Bob McKeon said. This was Aquila's understanding from the beginning and the reason why the company has never collected the tax.

"The Maryville city council said that the Maryville Franchise Tax Ordinance on Gas and Electric Revenue does not and never intended to cost franchise fee to be levied on industrial customers," McKeon said.

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Shootings provoke evaluation

Northwest examines safety procedures after Virginia Tech tragedy

By Kristin Summers
University Editor

As the story continued to unfold at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Northwest President Dean Hubbard and other administrators examined Northwest's general emergency plan and its impact.

Early Monday morning, a Virginia Tech student killed 32 people and himself in two different buildings on campus, one being the West Ambler Johnston dormitory and the other Norris Hall, according to Cnn.com.

"As a university community, we can easily empathize with what must be happening on that campus," Hubbard said.

Along with flags outside the Northwest Administration Building at half-mast, the Lighting the Way vigil held Tuesday night for victims of sexual assault encompassed the victims of Virginia Tech.

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—STUDENT SENATE

85th Senate elections

President: Alex Drury
Vice President: Nisha Bharti
Treasurer: Ashley Feekin
Secretary: Brooke Beason
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Representatives: Amanda Preston, Jim Howe, Lauren Wilson
Junior Class President: Natalie More
Representatives: Kristin Hilde, Katie Starr, Megan Thomas
Sophomore Class President: Erin Holm
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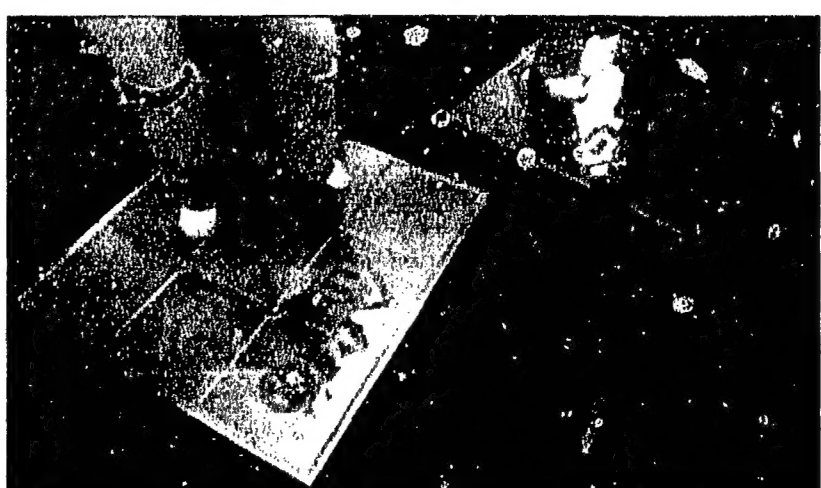


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INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATE in the Dance Dance Revolution last Thursday held in the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing. The event was to promote the Northwest Student Senate elections.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Diabetes-Olympics held at recreation center

The Diabetes-Olympics will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday in the Recreation Center. Events include a free throw shoot, bobbing for apples, bowling, and a fortune teller. Teams of two to four people can compete. Minimum cost is \$20 per team. Proceeds will go to the American Diabetes Association. For more information contact Erin Jewell.

All-studio show, open house at Olive Deluce Fine Arts Building

The Spring Art Show and pottery sale will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, in the Olive Deluce Fine Arts Building. Paintings, prints, drawings, photos and sculptures will be on display. Fifteen percent will go to the Clay Club and Art Association.

Bell ringing in honor of Claire McKinney

The Bell of '48, located in front of the Administration Building will be rung in honor of Claire McKinney, a Northwest student who died of toxic shock syndrome in early October of last year, at noon, Tuesday.

Assistant professor receives Governor's Award

Jason White, assistant professor in the accounting, economics and finance, is this year's Northwest's recipient of the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Gov. Matt Blunt gives the award each year to faculty members representing each of Missouri's public, and independent colleges, universities, technical and professional institutions.

Criteria for the award include demonstrating effective teaching and advising, service to the institutional community, commitment to high standards of professional excellence and showing success in helping with student achievement.

White is a board member of the Northwest Foundation Inc. and also works as a stock broker, owns and operates a private investment firm in Maryville, along with teaching at Northwest.

Celebration show choir presents annual spring review

Northwest's Celebration show choir will perform its annual spring review at 8 p.m. Friday, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The free show will feature choreographed numbers, jazz harmony arrangements, ballads and show tunes.

Each choir member will be featured as a soloist, a member of a duet or small ensemble. A Broadway-style band will also provide live music throughout the evening.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and a reception for graduating seniors in the choir will be in the auditorium's lobby following the show.

GREEK WEEK



MEMBERS OF Sigma Kappa perform for a full house at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center during Greek Song April 11.

Greek Week winners named

By Andrea James
Chief Reporter

The Northwest Greek community breathed a sigh of relief as cheers subsided and awards were given.

Greek men and women competed against each other during Greek Week, April 9 to 16, to become the best in categories ranging from outstanding Greek woman to highest GPA.

During Greek Week, members of Greek organizations participated in activities such as community service projects, a Zeus and Hera contest, Greek sing, chalk draw, banner and an Olympiad, Greek Week co-chair Sarah Smith said.

At the Olympiad, Greek members participated in reverse tug-of-war, water balloon tennis, wheelbarrow race and a relay race.

Members of Greek organizations also participated in philanthropic activities such as casino night, a penny war and a golf tournament. The money raised will go to the SSM Hospice.

A total of \$2,600 was raised for the Hospice. Greek members collected \$2,100 from the golf tournament and \$500 from the penny war.

"We were very successful this year," Smith said. "We also collected a lot of canned goods at the casino night."

Not only does Greek week provide competitive opportunities, it is also a way to promote Greek unity and inform people about the Greek community, said Alpha Sigma Alpha member Mindy Burkemper.

"Greek Week is not only fun for us, but it is a great way to get PR for Greek organizations," Burkemper said. "It allows people to see some of the activities we do."

Events during Greek Week give members the opportunity to work with other organizations, she said.

"It was still competitive but this year, but they did a good job of making it unified," Burkemper said. "It was a combination of different organizations working together."

Campus Activities Director Kristin Alley also thinks Greek Week was successful. The events demonstrated a positive view of the Greek community at Northwest, Alley said.

"We had a great time and we hope that not only was it a great experience for the participants, but for Northwest and the Maryville community."

STUDY ABROAD

Faculty, students discuss proposal

By Evan Young
Copy Editor

In an effort to hear and respond to questions and criticisms about a pending study abroad requirement, Northwest Marketing and Management Department faculty met with concerned students and staff, Tuesday.

The curriculum change would require all declared marketing and business management majors, beginning with this fall's incoming class, to earn three academic credit hours while studying abroad.

In addition to current marketing and management students, a number of Student Senate members attended to present the opinions of their constituents, the majority of who are opposed to the requirement, Senate Student Affairs Chair Andrea Garcia said.

Garcia highlighted several points included in the Senate's resolution of opposition to the proposal. She said while the current marketing and management students the Senate spoke with are not against the study abroad program, they do take issue with being forced to participate.

Associate professor Chi Lo Lim agreed the plan does not leave much room for students to opt out of traveling abroad, but stressed the new global component is essential for any business student to be successful after graduation.

"For us to have that opportunity gives you an edge. When you decided to come here, you made an investment," Lim said. "An investment for what? To get an edge."

Even students planning to return home to a family-owned business after graduation need some sort of international exposure, Lim said.

More and more businesses are experiencing global interaction, and students need to know how to interact with other, foreign businesses.

"People function differently over there than over here," Lim said. "Things are done differently."

Another of the Senate's concerns pertains to the potential financial burden the proposal would place on low-income students and the fact that some students would be unable to go abroad due to work and/or family obligations.

However, professor emeritus Ron DeYoung said gaining global experience is, in fact, the cheaper option in the long run.

"If students don't get the experience, it will cost them more than

if they do," DeYoung said. "They would be graduating without a necessary requirement."

Tom Billesbach, Booth College of Business and Professional Studies dean, said the college is actively seeking funding for student scholarships locally and nationally, and that he has access to an additional \$100,000 from the Northwest Foundation for possible scholarship funds.

In addition, Billesbach said if a student could not afford to travel, he would be willing to provide all of the necessary funds.

Students in certain cases do have the option of appealing the requirement to a department board, as long as they participate in an alternative if their appeal is upheld, according to the proposal.

However, faculty members said the proposal is flexible, because it gives students a number of options when the time comes to earn their required credits. Students can go abroad during the fall and spring trimesters, or can opt for shorter stays during the summer. Further, students would be allowed to partake in faculty-led excursions during regular trimester breaks, such as Spring Break.

Senator Abby Freeman was one of several student leaders who expressed concern with the study abroad proposal's hasty implementation.

She suggested the department wait until Fall 2008, when the student course catalogue is officially updated, to introduce the requirement. That would give the department time to iron out minute details and efficiently answer incoming students' questions, Freeman said.

But Lim said a delay would not be that effective, because the proposal is so innovative. Students would still have questions and/or special circumstances a year from now, she said.

The Senate is disappointed it did not receive adequate notice of the proposal before it began going through the curriculum change approval process, Garcia said.

Billesbach admitted Student Senate historically has not been part of the voting process. However, he said it might be possible to include the organization's vote in future curriculum changes.

The proposal goes before the Board of Regents for final approval at its next meeting, Friday, April 27.

MHS announces new leadership

By Jared Bailey
Missourian Reporter

Education helps to guide students. Two new administrators will help to guide education.

The Maryville R-II school district announced Elaine Wilson as their new school board member and Amy Gustafson as the new assistant principal for Maryville High School.

School district citizens elected Wilson to the school board on April 3. She began her two-year term on April 10.

"I look forward to working with Mrs. Wilson as she joins the other board members in our efforts to continuously improve our education opportunities for Maryville students," Superintendent Vickie Miller said.

Wilson works as a freelance court reporter, with her job on the school board being volunteer. She is married, with two sons and a daughter.

"I have just always wanted to be on the board to see how it operates and to get a first-hand knowledge of how decisions are made," Wilson

said. "I think we are in really good shape. We have very qualified people in leadership roles."

Wilson's first term will be for two years. The school board includes six other members, some of whom have three-year terms.

Gustafson has not worked for the school district before but has previously taught in Maryville. Before her seven years as principal of Northeast Nodaway Elementary School, she was a special education teacher at Horace Mann lab school.

Gustafson received her bachelor's, master's and specialist degree from Northwest, and has two sons of her own. Gustafson thinks that the Maryville school district has an excellent student body.

"I am excited to help them prepare for post-secondary education or the workforce," Gustafson said.

Miller shares Gustafson's enthusiasm for the future.

"We think Mrs. Gustafson's successful administrative experience will be beneficial to the district, especially in the areas of curriculum and professional development," Miller said.

Pub 'Goes Wild'

By Marcus Meade
Community News Editor

A man strolled through the crowded town tavern with mirrored sunglasses, a beer and a smile. Everyone was staring at him.

He was also wearing a giant penis outfit.

On Friday, "Girls Gone Wild" parked its party bus feet from The Pub and brought the party inside. But some were hoping for more.

"I came an hour for this," Missouri Western junior Jason Taylor said. "I'm pretty disappointed. I thought the girls were coming inside."

Taylor wasn't the only one thinking things were going to be a little different. The mostly male crowd was expecting the type of nudity seen in the videos, The Pub owner John Yates said.

Roughly 400 people attended the event, and instead of the exposure of inebriated college girls, they were treated to the music of bands Sand Box Walkers and Towncrier.

Towncrier's lead singer Jerry Lorenson joked openly about the event.

"I don't need your dirty bus,"

Lorenson said.

But that's where all the action was—on the bus. Girls wishing to participate in the "Girls Gone Wild" videos were sought out and taken to the bus where cameramen would then do all the filming.

Girls who chose to participate were given T-shirts—an exchange senior Beth Gutschentritter thought was a pretty rare deal.

"It kind of sucks for the girls," she said. "They ('Girls Gone Wild') make all this money, and the girls don't get anything."

Because of some of the disappointment on the part of the male customers, Yates is uncertain if he would ever bring "Girls Gone Wild" back to The Pub.

He does want to continue to hold events that will keep things fresh, though. Yates hopes to bring in some big-name bands as well as continue to host up and coming bands like Towncrier. As for the disappointment of some of his customers, Yates believes he knows why.

"I think people expected the bus to pull up and a bunch of girls to jump off," he said. "They expected what they see on the videos."

The women of Delta Zeta would like to congratulate their seniors:

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A BRAIN lays on the ground in front of a roll over car crash victim during a simulation of what could happen if someone drove drunk and hit an oncoming car. The simulation took place in the parking lot of The Hangar Tuesday morning in an effort to inform high school students of the dangers and consequences of driving drunk. The event was organized by various organizations including the Maryville Public Safety Department and St. Francis Hospital & Health Services.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

South Nodaway High School holds carnival

South Nodaway High School, in Barnard, will be holding a carnival at from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, April 29, at SNHS.

The carnival will include games and a silent auction, which includes two airline tickets, movie passes and a patio set.

For more information on the event or directions to SNHS, call (660) 652-3718.

Pagliai's Pizza to match donations for public library

Pagliai's Pizza is now matching the donations made to the Maryville Public Library.

Coupled with the donations of Andrew Klaas, the Maryville Middle School student who first made the donation as part of the "Pay It Forward Project," Pagliai's Pizza is looking to help aid the library in the purchasing of new books.

For information on donating, contact Library Director Diane Houston at the Maryville Public Library.

Local woman battles MS

By Nichole Unger
Missourian Reporter

The alarm went off that morning—early as it always did. Jami Greene woke up and began to get out of bed when she suddenly found it very hard to walk.

Jami was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2002, a disease that not only affected her but everyone around her.

"I used to teach aerobics, go to the gym daily and go deer hunting. I loved fishing and taking my kids fishing. The doctors won't let me do any of these things anymore," Greene said.

Jami is a single mother of three children, Austin, 17, Alexis, 16 and Chandler, 7. Living life with MS is hard, Jami said, but raising children and being the only source of income is something Jami deals with every day.

Jami started college in 1988 in Tarkio. When the school closed, in

1991, she moved to Texas. Soon after, Jami and her ex-husband moved into the house she is living in now. She began working at Cooper Nuclear Station in Nebraska, a 43-mile drive. She loved her job and was making a very decent salary.

The morning Jami noticed something was wrong, she was getting ready for work.

"What's wrong with me?" Jami asked herself.

Mad at her inability to walk, she got ready and forced herself into her car. She started to head toward the plant. When she got there, she tried to walk up the six flights of stairs that she dominated on a normal day.

"I can't do it. Wait, yes I can. Why am I being so lazy? There is no reason why I should not be able to walk up these stairs," Jami said to herself.

There was a reason though, Jami had been fighting off MS for the last 11 years but had no idea.

Jami was diagnosed with mono-

nucleosis in high school. She fought it off and assumed that everything was fine. Doctors believe the mononucleosis triggered her MS.

When Greene was diagnosed with MS in 2002, she was told that she had 27 lesions on her brain. Greene is now down to two lesions.

Lesions are scars on the brain that slow down or stop the messages from reaching the rest of the body, according to The National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Multiple Sclerosis is a long-term disease that affects the central nervous system which includes the brain, spinal cord and the optic nerve, according to St. Francis Hospital and Health Services.

MS affects approximately 400,000 people in this country and every

week about 200 more people are diagnosed according to The National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

While MS has affected Jami's life dramatically, it plays a part in her children's life as well.

"My daughter thinks of MS as a handicap. She is embarrassed by me and doesn't spend a lot of time at home. My oldest son hassles her and tells her it is something I can't control, and my youngest is there to support me all the way," Jami said.

People around Maryville are very supportive and don't make me feel like an outcast, Jami said.

"MS is a horrible disease," Jami said. "I would never wish this disease on my worst enemy, not that I have one, but I would never wish it upon anybody."

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 3. Furniture and other items not normally picked up by contractor.

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 3. Tires, lead-acid batteries, paint cans, and iron products.
 4. White goods, microwaves, appliances, etc.

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—MYVIEW

Marriage needs new definition

By Riley Huskey
Guest Columnist

"It's all downhill from here on up." —Anonymous.
I am a senior journalism major graduating in August, excited to man of my dreams and getting ready to move 1,000 miles north to a different country in less than one week. Overwhelmed is overstated and worry-free would be a lie. I guess you could say I'm excited for success and I'm excited for failure.

To put myself out there further and to make better use of this column space, I'll save you the hassle of guessing: I'm gay. In two weeks my fiancé and I sit down with our immigration lawyer and start the process of my permanent move to Canada. And you thought you had it rough after graduation, eh?

With the risk of sounding bitter, I must say—heterosexuals sure do have it easy in the great U-S-of-A. And all I ask...don't take what you have for granted. I can't even sponsor my fiancé to come to this country, let alone lawfully share my debt with him. Yes...marriage.

And why is this? Oh yeah—duh—I forgot...to uphold the sanctity of marriage. Quick fact: Of the men and women who marry in this country, as said by the 2002 Census Bureau report, have divorce rates as high as 50 percent. In April of 2005, The New York Times revised this number to just above 40 percent. I will digress.

My fiancé, Mike, and I started to joke with one another the other day and the end thought

was priceless. If you are against gay marriage, the answer to us is simple—don't get one! Let me fill you in with where we were and where we are today:
•Historic past: All men are created equal.
•Politically corrected: All people are created equal.
•Majority of society and politics today: All people are created equal...if heterosexual.

As I'm sure you noticed I did not touch on race because the column space available would not suffice. But I can say, with the direction our society and politics are headed, that one day, we, the gay community, will be able to marry in this country and one day will share all of the rights heterosexuals do. The question is only time.

As university students or members of the "Millennial" or "Y" generation, we have to spark the change. We have to start the change in attitude and action, and show the rest of society what it's truly like to be open-minded individuals. I have no foul discourse for Baby Boomers or Generation X, but the Millennial generation as a whole is more accepting of everyone—sexual orientation, race, religion, etc.—and stands to gain a lot for our society in the near future.

I'm no different than anyone reading these words. I want to live my life to the fullest and be happy.

I cherish the love of family and friends, and ultimately want to be with my significant other for a lifetime.

Who would want to stand in front of your dreams?

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In response to "Hinder ready to perform"

Cassidy Bollin
Posted 4/13/07

I would have liked to see that we are spending \$75,000 to bring Hinder here in the article, WHILE the same time you publish an article about how bad the mods are? Hmm, trailer park band comes to trailer park school... sounds like a winner to me.

Matt J.
Posted 4/17/07

Hey Cassidy, why don't you suck it up and complain about something that matters. Don't you think publishing an article about the poor learning facilities for outcasts publishing an article about a lame band? First of all, students have been complaining for years about the choice of "entertainment" our student activities fee is paying for. Yet, nothing is fixed. We went from having a country singer, to a religious band, to this. The selection process isn't changing, so I doubt the money is even an issue. I applaud the newspaper for researching a controversial topic, such as the "trailer park" and reporting it. Rumor has it that the mods will be gone by fall. If the newspaper is going to pick and choose its fights, I think this was a worthwhile one, unlike the point-

less discussion involving Hinder. So Cassidy, why don't you take your little "argument" and preach it on the air. I'm sure your four listeners will appreciate your—er, profound thoughts.

Dennis Atkins
Posted 4/17/07

I admit that I have not heard "Hinder." Help me out. Does the band really sing about how to "Get Stoned?" If they do, they are promoting illegal activities that hurt students and their families. Why not spend \$75,000 on drug prevention at NWMSU and in northwest Missouri? I know...no one really listens to the lyrics. Just don't use that excuse in Colorado or Virginia. Why not have a band in that sings about raping women and killing whities? Maybe the universities in New York will want to hire bands singing about how much fun it is to blow up things! Be respectful what you are doing.

In response to "I will play again"
Cindy White
Posted 4/16/07

Abe, you and your family are always in our thoughts and prayers. Wishing you a fast recovery.

The Brandon Kaut family



—MYVIEW

University officials need to follow through

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That's how much I've paid for four years of education at Northwest.

Granted, this includes two years of living on campus, and luckily I have plenty of scholarships to offset the full cost.

Those who have read my column before know that the modular classrooms or the "mods" that lie on the west side of campus are a constant thorn in my side. I'm a double history and journalism major so I've "lived" in the mods and Wells Hall.

I love my history classes and wouldn't trade my education at Northwest for anything. I truly believe Northwest has one of the best history programs around and I've yet to meet a professor I didn't like. I like them so much I'm contemplating graduate school here.



Jessica Schmidt
Managing Editor

I'm sad to be possibly leaving the trailer park. For four years I've sat in crunched rows, contemplated my mods, and safety as some mods aren't even up to fire code, endured either scorching heat or freezing cold temperatures and attempted to tune out the professor in the next room while taking Blue Book tests.

For the past four years I've also watched this University build new on-campus facilities, apartments and freshmen dorms, the "Center of Excellence" (that still sits empty, without a tenant), remodel a restaurant and build a new black box theater. And who could forget the most recent development: the football team will now have artificial turf and field lights.

I originally wrote this column, my last at the *Missourian*, a week ago. I have to say, it had a slightly

different tone—not pleasant.

However, this was before University officials and President Dean Hubbard made a new promise to have a plan for mod-removal by Fall 2007. It's been a long road getting rid of these trailers and I've only been around for half of it.

There are a few issues I have with this plan. For one, Hubbard said in this week's *Missourian* article that Valk has no "architectural pizzazz." I don't understand this logic. For nearly eight years the trailers remained while the University danced around the issue. First off, I'm not sure how eight years is temporary when most students complete their degrees in four to five years, and many students like myself spent their entire four years learning in them. Secondly, if Valk has no "architectural pizzazz" what do trailers have?

Another problem I foresee is the one to two-year period where students in the HHPPS department will be going to classes everywhere on campus from Bearcat Stadium, to the Fire Arts Building, to Valk. Many professors within the department rely on projectors and maps and some of the rooms will not be equipped with all of the necessary equipment. You see it's not the mods we hate—it's the fact that the University ignored them for so long.

I must say I'm happy the University is finally addressing the issue. I commend President Hubbard, the Board of Regents and other University officials for finally recognizing this problem.

However, I really hope they stay committed to these plans, and they don't die during the summer. Students will be back next fall and these same students will not forget the way they've been treated in the past by the administration.

The fact of the matter is we don't need "architectural pizzazz" to learn, we need permanent facilities with adequate services. That's all the department and the students have asked for. So at last, good luck and please don't make anymore empty promises.

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In-state tuition for the different colleges is only about \$4,000 apart.

If MU wants to think it's the greatest college this side of Harvard, let them.

I'll take my \$4,000 and buy them some humility.

—MYVIEW

Northwest a better deal than MU

Those poor souls

graduating this trimester will saunter, half-drunk, across the stage in the cheap nylon crap they could possibly buy. They will look out at the audience and see relatives they don't even know smiling at them in a sea of other people they don't know.

Upon reaching the podium, a rolled up piece of toilet paper with a ribbon on it will be given to them in exchange for four years of hell and \$40,000.



Marcus Meade
Community Editor

What's worse than paying \$40,000 for toilet paper?

Paying \$70,000 dollars for toilet paper.

That is roughly the amount paid for 120 credit hours of out-of-state tuition at the University of Missouri.

But alumni and those attending that fine institution would have people believe that their piece of toilet paper means more than a piece from Northwest—like Charmin means more than the generic Wal-Mart brand. It's simply not true.

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MODS: Valk to be remodeled for HHPPS department

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and leisure areas. It would take several more months of design work and then construction could take about 18 months, Courter said.

Even though construction would take a while, Courter urges for faculty and students to know classes could still be held in the area already finished while construction continued.

"Valk looks very institutional. It has no appeal," Hubbard said. "It needs more architectural pizzazz."

Provost Kichoon Yang said the plans for Valk are more than just a possibility, adding it was a solid plan.

The other side is how the University would fund the renovations for Valk. Yang said one possible way to finance the project would be by applying a small surcharge if the proposal for the tuition increase does not pass.

Courter believes the new department in the lower level of Valk could be fully up and running by Fall 2009.

While the mods could be gone by Fall 2007, this could spark a year of inconvenience for students and faculty for the department.

Classes would most likely relocate to new classrooms in Wells Hall, Bearcat Stadium, the Olive DeLuca Fine Arts Building and a room that could be utilized as a classroom in Hudson and Perrin, the new freshmen residence halls.

The plan to spread classes throughout the campus for the department seems unfair to some, including professor Joel Benson.

Benson predicts this would be an inconvenience for the faculty because some of the classes would not have Internet access, LCD projectors and proper maps.

"Nobody else on campus has to do this," Benson said.

Yang said the April 12 article from the *Missourian* addresses an important topic about the mods. "The story confirms the fact

that modular class replacement is the highest priority within the academic division," Yang said, who sympathizes with the students and the faculty of the department.

Associate professor David McLaughlin clarified the main problem he has with the mods is not with the structure of the mods, but the students who attended classes in them.

"The mods show a lack of respect to the students," McLaughlin said. "That is my chief complaint."

During the past decade, the University received approximately \$150 million from the state for capital improvements.

These include renovating Colden Hall and the Garrett-Strong Science Building. When state capital funding froze, the Fine Arts Building was next on the list to be remodeled, as was construction on a new history, humanities, philosophy and political science department building.

As for the new turf and the lights for the Bearcat Stadium, Hubbard said if a donor gives the University money for a specific cause, the University is not allowed to take the money from the donor and use it for something else.

"The lights and turf is something that would not get done without a donor," Hubbard said. "Would you really want to be apart of an institution that would do something like taking donor money and using it for something else?"

The mods that are still able to function will be used as office space or storage for the challenge course at Lake Mozingo, where the University owns 315 acres on the east side of the lake.

Another building will go to the Ed Phillips Memorial Rodeo Arena and the final mod will go to the orchard by the pellet plant on the west side of campus.

Courter said it is fair to say the mods have served a valued service to the University, but now it is time to move forward.

TANNING: Salons urge caution

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Tanners who buy unlimited monthly packages are at most risk because women who visit tanning salons more than once a month are 55 percent more likely to develop malignant melanoma. The risk doubles for women in their twenties who tan regularly, according to the Journal of National Cancer Institute.

Malignant melanoma is a cancer of pigment-producing skin cells that can be cured with early detection but can be fatal if cells progress and spread to the rest of the body.

Melanoma risks from sun exposure also varies on skin tone and hair color. Risks are twice as high for blondes than for women with brown or black hair. For red-haired women, the risk is four times greater because of their sensitive skin.

Although tanning has negative health effects, some argue tanning has reverse effects and may be beneficial.

"Vitamin D comes from UV rays and we all need it to survive," Campbell said. "A tanning salon is a controlled environment and tanning the appropriate amount of time for your skin type is not any more dangerous than the sun."

Because your skin generates vitamin D from sunlight exposure, those who have healthy vitamin D levels are much less likely to develop certain forms of cancer, according to the American Association for Cancer Research.

During the dreary winter months, tanning can offer a time for relaxation. In a tanning session, a person can take 20 minutes of downtime to meditate or catch a power nap.

Mental health benefits from exposure to light can also help relieve symptoms of Seasonal Affective Disorder. A person suffering from this type of depression often

feels uplifted during the bright and long days of summer and spring. Sunlight or UV exposure can change the body's chemical composition to where it can stop a person from falling into this depression.

"The key is to tan in moderation. You don't tan outside year round, so you shouldn't tan inside year round," said Jenny Muller, owner of Jass Salon. "If you overdo it and abuse it, your skin suffers and it will look wrinkly when you get older."

Indoor tanning in moderation is suggested to be one to two days per week, according to Maryville tanning salons.

To get the full benefits of the summer's sun without the assistance of tanning beds, sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15 is recommended along with protection for the eyes.

Staying hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids will not deprive the face of natural moisture and by ignoring peak sun hours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. will reduce the risk of a burn.

"Everyone must be educated on the long term risks and damage of tanning indoors and outdoors," Murr said.

Unlike many of the young women and men who flock to tanning beds each spring, Northwest junior Jenny Billings protects her skin by avoiding over-exposure in tanning beds and wears a SPF 15 moisturizer under her makeup every day.

"Being tan may seem attractive now but when your skin starts to develop wrinkles, sunspots, and looks like leather, being tan really won't matter anymore," Billings said. "Being pale might not be the most attractive thing to some people but I will take it over skin cancer or a leather-like appearance any day."

TAX: Aquila's \$1.4 million franchise tax debt unfounded

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Many Missouri cities enact franchise tax ordinances, he said. However, not all cities have the tax.

"Each city has the option to choose customer class. Maryville has chosen residential, commercial and retail and not industrial," McKeon said.

Cities charge franchise tax to businesses that offer services, LeClerc said. They charge 5 percent of the total bill for the franchise tax.

These businesses pay the tax so it can provide services to its customers, he said.

"It is like leasing the right of ways to get the product to the customers," LeClerc said.

In addition, cities charge businesses franchise tax. To cover that charge, businesses build that tax into their prices, McKeon said. The franchise tax paid by the customer goes through the businesses to the city on a monthly basis. It is collected so the city can have that revenue base.

"The city has concluded that the franchise fee doesn't apply to industrial customers so no tax is due," McKeon said.

In addition, Maryville can use the ordinance as an incentive to keep businesses in the city, LeClerc said.

"We love having industries here and we want to keep it that way," LeClerc said. "They provide economic opportunities by providing employment to the community."

SHOOTING: Safety officials examine emergency plans

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Campus Safety Director Clarence Green, said Northwest has a general emergency plan for different situations that could occur on campus, which vary from tornadoes to shootings.

Campus Safety, the State Highway Patrol and Maryville Public Safety meet annually to train people for situations and for ways to improve the plan, Green said.

Though there is no guarantee that an incident won't happen, Northwest is a closed campus with no major roads coming through campus, which is beneficial when

it comes to safety measures, Hubbard said.

The closest SWAT, special weapons and tactics team is St. Joseph, Cameron and then Kansas City, Green said.

Though the closest SWAT team more than 30 miles away, local officers on and off campus are trained to deal with situations and would act as a SWAT team, Hubbard said.

The current general emergency plan for Northwest was mostly put together after the Columbine killings in Colorado in 1999, Hubbard said. Green intends to take the information from the incident and look at ways of improving safety at Northwest.

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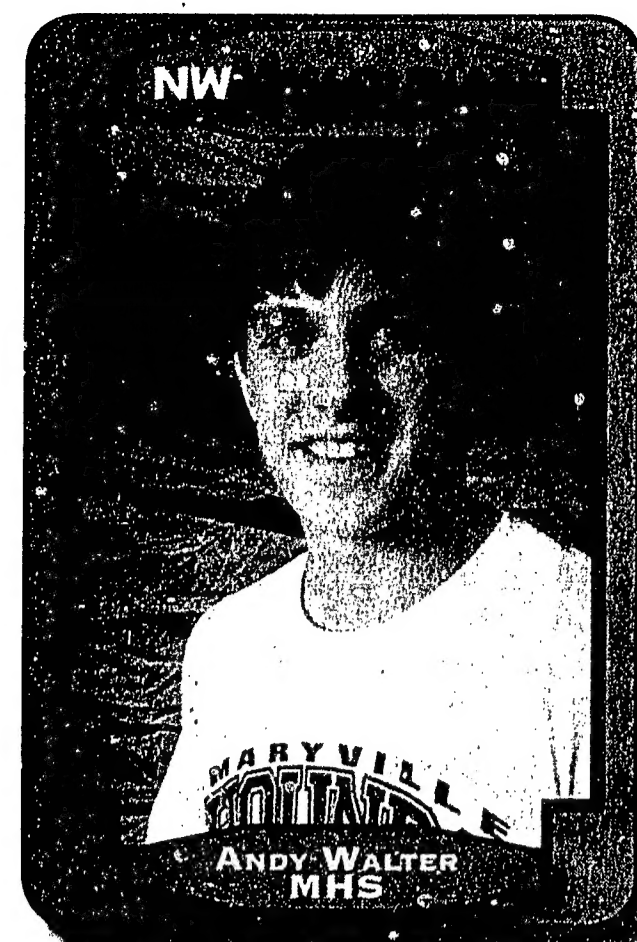
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-MHS BASEBALL

'Hound set to become 'Cat

By Sam Robinson
Chief Reporter

On his very first swing as a Maryville Spoof, Matt Parker served notice that he was the real thing.

After becoming the first freshman to start on the varsity squad for Maryville since 1988, Parker sent the first pitch he saw soaring out of the park.

It was then he realized that baseball was going to be a big part of his future.

"I had everyone tell me no freshman will make varsity," Parker said. "I hit and lifted weights all winter and I was determined to make it. Then, once I made varsity, I thought I could play college baseball and that was probably the turning point."

Over three years later, the senior third baseman made that dream a reality by signing with his hometown team.

Matt Parker
■ Plays third base and pitches for Maryville
■ First freshman to make varsity for Maryville since 1988
■ Homerun on first pitch in high school career
■ Bat .340 as freshman
■ 2004 rookie of the year
■ All-MEC second-team 2006
■ One of MoSports.com's top seniors of 2007
■ Currently bats .315
■ Recruited by Georgia and UNLV
■ Chose Northwest for chance to play everyday

Aside from the regular adjustments to college life and MIAA pitching, Parker will still put on a green and white uniform and will only have to travel a few minutes down Main Street to continue his playing career.

While scouted by several Division I schools, including Georgia and the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, Parker verbally committed to Northwest last December for a chance to play everyday and stay close to home.

"I've been watching (Northwest) games since I was little," Parker said. "Those schools were going to cost too much money and I would probably get redshirted and spend two or three years not playing. I thought it was better to stay home where I have a chance to play."

Northwest coach Darin Loe and his staff have been

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-NW BASEBALL

'Cats now alone in second place

By Sam Robinson
Chief Reporter

The MIAA's baseball picture just got a bit clearer.

With Northwest and Emporia State tied for second in the conference, one team solidified its position.

Much to the delight of the fans at Bearcat Field, the Bearcats emerged victorious in the showdown for second, taking three of the four games Sunday and Monday.

The 'Cats swept the Hornets on Sunday and split Monday's contests, improving their overall record to 21-17 with a 14-6 conference mark.

Coach Darin Loe saw his team firing on all cylinders in games one and two but failed to match that execution in the following day's action.

"At times we're two different teams," Loe said. "Yesterday (Sunday) we were

solid in every ball, hit balls hard and got the clutch hits. Today, we didn't do that and it's been like that all year long. It's kind of like we're on a rollercoaster but fortunately we came out and got a win today not playing our best baseball and that's going to be huge in three weeks."

Loe's assessment of Sunday was not an exaggeration as his team rose to the occasion in its biggest series yet, winning game one 3-1 and game two 9-3.

Catcher Ryley Westman's double on his first at-bat ignited a three-run second-inning that gave Lamers a comfortable margin to work with.

If fantasy baseball existed in the collegiate ranks, an owner having Britt

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-NW SOFTBALL

Reed wins pitchers duel

By Scott Levine
Community Sports Editor

The line score from the first three innings told the story during Northwest's game one loss against Emporia State Wednesday. Northwest's line featured no hits, seven strikeouts and no baserunners as the No. 6 Hornets prevailed 2-1.

The Northwest hitters sent only five batters into fair territory as Emporia State's Courtney Reed entered the fourth inning riding a perfect game. The senior fireballer finished the contest with 15 strikeouts and no walks.

Northwest coach Ryan Anderson said Reed is one of the conference's elite pitchers.

"We were helping her with a lot of pitches that weren't strikes," Anderson said. "We were aggressive early, but we were swinging at balls."

Reed saw her perfect game disappear, however, in the fourth as she plunked leadoff batter Lindsay Stephenson. After stealing second and enduring two more strikeouts, Stephenson tallied Northwest's only run as Sarah Johnson lined an RBI single into rightfield.

Despite Reed's pitching prowess, Northwest pitcher Cole Krueger held serve allowing only two runs. Krueger allowed eight hits and managed one strikeout.

"We got in some tough situations, and (Krueger) handled it pretty well," Anderson said. "She threw well, but she just didn't get any run support."



NORTHWEST OUTFIELDER Lindsay Stephenson watches the ball fly by during game one against Emporia State. The Bearcats lost to the Hornets 2-1.

Allowing only one hit spanning the first two innings, Krueger looked as if she was cruising after recording two quick outs in the third. But leadoff hitter Chelsea McClemon

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Westman in game two would have had a big day.

After older brother Ryley led off the second inning with a towering home run to left, Britt preyed on the same Mickey Lara changeup his brother did and belted a line drive that barely cleared the left field fence. The back-to-back home run feat was the Westmans' second in as many series as they did it April 6 against Washburn.

Britt followed up that blast with a two-run shot in the fifth inning and a single in the seventh. Britt's two-hom, run performance was the first in over a year for the 'Cats. Brandon Kirsch also joined the round-trip club with his first career homer in the fourth.

Lost in the power explosion was starter Joel Epley's six shut-out innings and five strikeouts earning him his fourth win of the season.

Britt did not underestimate the importance of the first day sweep.

"They were huge," he said. "That's a solid team over there and us being tied with them for second in the conference, those wins put us up on them and help us out in the region because they're in our region, too. We had great intensity, our defense was awesome, we were swinging and our pitchers were great. It just all fit together today."

Game three was perhaps the most enigmatic of the set as starter Bret Harvel pitched a one-hit complete game and still got the loss as Northwest fell 2-1. The Hornets' left fielder Mark McBratney beat the 'Cats by himself with a second-inning home

run coupled with his fifth-inning run, stemming from a dropped ball in the outfield, was enough to topple the 'Cats.

With the series' outcome still in the balance as the squads took the field for game four, it was a recently demoted pitcher who stepped forward and gave the team the clinching victory.

Former starter Bill Disselhoff entered the game midway through the third inning for an ineffective Justin Hildebrand and pitched four and a third shutout frames that allowed Northwest to take a 4-2 lead they would hold throughout. Senior submariner Brock White got the save, throwing two scoreless innings to close out the game. Right fielder Todd Schonhoff slapped two singles and a double to lead the team at the plate.

The three wins move Northwest within three games of No. 5 ranked Central Missouri (18-3 MIAA) with its four-game set in Warrensburg closing the regular season.

With the first regional pool coming out this week, Loc is seeing his team play well against teams that count in beating third-place Emporia and fourth-place Fort Hays State.

"It obviously helps in our position," he said. "We've played two different seasons. We were 18-15 in the first half and now we have 20 ballgames to play in our last 20 days and we're 3-1 right now. We're playing well right now, which is the key and we've got to look forward to Pittsburg State on Friday."

The 'Cats will start their four-game clash with the Gorillas (7-9 MIAA) at 6 p.m. Friday at Pittsburg (Kan.).

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-NW TRACK

'Cats head to KU Relays

By Jared Verner
Missourian Reporter

After hosting a meet in freezing temperatures two weeks ago, the weather at the Jim Duncan Invitational April 14 was a relief for the Northwest track and field teams.

"We still haven't broken through and got great weather," said men's head coach Richard Alsop. "...but after our home meet, everything's relative."

The Bearcats placed 12 athletes in the top-six of events at the Invitational, with the men qualifying two for the

NCAA Championships in May. Senior Eric Isley qualified in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:51.70 in a runner-up finish. Junior John Bullock also qualified with a personal record 53.53 in the 400-meter hurdles, finishing third in the event.

"We had some pretty good breakthroughs," Alsop said. "...We had personal records all the way through." Sophomore Audrey Bailey's personal record 1:03.99 400-meter hurdle time led the women with a second-place finish.

Junior Brandi Honeywell placed third in the long jump with 17-6 1/4.

Northwest also grabbed two fourth-place finishes with Hannah Henry in the 100-meter hurdles and Emily Churchman in the triple jump.

"Overall it was a real good meet for us," said women's head coach Scott Lorek. "We had some technical glitches with our hurdlers... but that's OK. They still ran pretty good times for not doing things real good. Now we have some better weather and good chances to work on it."

Both teams will head to Lawrence, Kan., this weekend for the 80th running of the Kansas Relays. The four-day meet started yesterday and

features 150 universities from 14 states and four nations, as well as 217 high schools from eight states.

"It's a great meet," Lorek said. "...It's an opportunity to do a few events in the relays that we just don't get to do any other time."

In the expanded relay events, the Northwest women will run in the 4x800-yard relay, shuttle hurdle relay and sprint medley. Very few other meets offer these events because they aren't run in national competition.

"Now we've got four good hurdlers and we can be real competitive in that," Lorek said. "It's a fun one."

-MHS TENNIS

Tennis earns another conference win

By David Lambie
Missourian Reporter

The weather wasn't an issue this time for the Maryville boys tennis team on Tuesday, as they pulled out another conference win.

The Spoofhounds are getting some good conference victories, and coach Robert Veasey said he wants to see the team continue their improvement.

"You hope they peak during the (conference) tournament and at districts," Veasey said.

The 'Hounds beat Lafayette on Tuesday 5-4. They collected five singles wins, but doubles were not kind to them. They lost all three of their doubles matches.

Freshman Anthony Groumouts

said the familiarity of his opponent is what helped him react better.

"I've played with him before," Groumouts said. "During the match I changed my strategy to stay back."

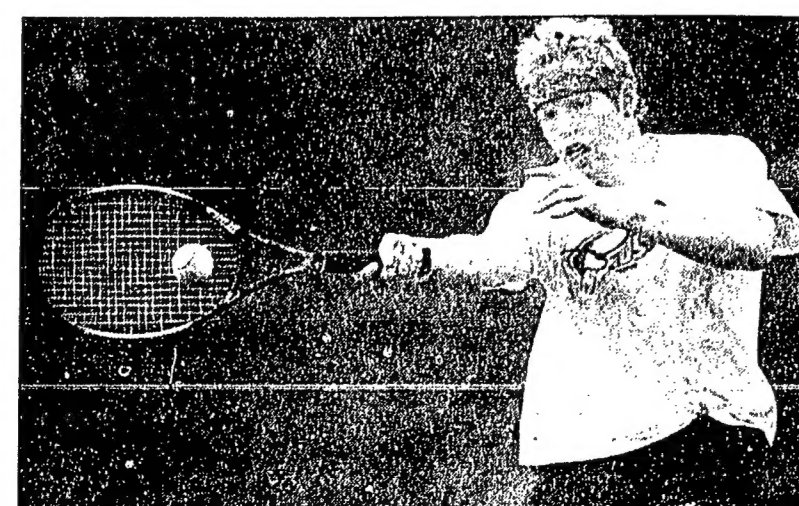
Changing his strategy worked, as Groumouts won 8-6.

On Monday, the 'Hounds went to Shenandoah to make up a meet and lost 7-2.

Veasey said his team performed well despite the short timing of the match and without senior Dakhotah Parshall.

Veasey said he hopes his team will stay competitive and keep trying so they can pick up some more conference wins.

The next match for the 'Hounds will be at 4:30 today, at Benton.



MARYVILLE HIGH School senior Cliff Robertson returns the ball to a Lafayette player during Tuesday afternoon's match held at the High Rise Tennis Courts on the Northwest campus.

-MHS SOCCER

'Hounds edge Hornets in second half

By Ashley Lovely
Missourian Reporter

After focusing most of its time on ball handling and moving towards the goal, the Maryville girls' soccer team is headed in the right direction.

The 'Hounds traveled to Chillicothe Tuesday and defeated the Hor-

nets 3-2, in a late scoring game.

"We were down 0-1 in the second quarter, but the girls really wanted the win and knew what they had to do to come back," head coach Bayo Oludaja said.

After tying the game in the second half, Oludaja explained that girls felt the pressure put back on them, but were able to overcome it and put

the ball in motion.

"These girls just have to be reminded that they can play well, and that they are a good team," Oludaja said. "Once they are reminded, they can do anything."

Emily Felton, Ashley Blanchard and Libby Howell all contributed one goal during the second half.

"Soccer is a game of movement

and pushing towards the goal, as long as we keep working on scoring and getting our opponent out of the way," Oludaja said. "We can continue to improve."

The girls take their 3-3-1 record to Cameron Thursday at 4 p.m. The team travels Friday for a weekend tournament in Kansas City. Times have not been announced.

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End of Year Awards

Drake repeats as coach of the year

By Scott Levine
Community Sports Editor

Community Coach of the Year: Joe Drake

This was 33 years in the making for Joe Drake. While stepping to his familiar post, Drake saw something he hadn't seen since starting at Maryville in 1973 — freshmen.

It's not like Drake hadn't dealt with aspiring youngsters, or even with more, but never so many freshmen intended on donning headgear for Maryville's varsity squad.

"I have never had that many freshmen have a chance at varsity," Drake said. "In the past, we may have had two or three fill weight classes, but never this many."

Fifteen participants wrestled for the Spoofhounds this year, with seven being freshmen. Returning state qualifier Clint Robertson was Drake's lone senior.

And this lack of upperclassmen proved a difficult task for the tenured Drake.

"My expectations didn't change entering the season, what changed was having wrestlers not experiencing success early," Drake said. "We had to keep their confidence up and not have them give up on themselves."

Drake endured the growing pains of having seven freshmen see ample at the varsity time. But as the strenuous season wore on, something started to click for the 'Hounds.

During the season's final week, Maryville turned in a 5-0 performance at the Albany dual tournament. That finish guided the team to a 12-9 record heading into district action.

"The biggest thing was that they just need to trust us as coaches," Drake said. "We had to do a lot of individual-wise changes."

Those changes brought the 'Hounds streaking into district competition, but at the time, Drake felt his team was overlooked. Soon after the meet, however, his team became far from overlooked.

Drake saw his inexperienced team send seven to the state meet, with two wrestlers earning medals. Three of the seven participants were freshmen.

As the 'Hounds dispatched almost half of their team to the state meet, Drake was pleased with his team's late-season composure.

"The boys will tell you that no one hates losing more than I do," Drake said. "It was tough to handle, but this year was very rewarding."

Expectations will continue to rise as six state qualifiers return next season. Those expectations and added experience are welcomed by Maryville's mainstay.

"As a team, expectations will be much higher," Drake said. "As long as we get the ball rolling, we should

hopefully accumulate more wins next year."

Community Boys Athlete of the Year: Andy Walter

Nothing compares to the hardwood for three-sport star Andy Walter. Despite handling snaps for the football team and starting at second base for the baseball team, Walter's true passion is basketball.

This passion keeps Walter trapped in a gym, while other athletes endure the summer's scorching rays. But this doesn't bother the first-team Midland Empire Conference team member.

"In the summer I play summer league and shoot on the weekends," Walter said. "I try to better myself because I know the areas I need to work on."

Walter has led the team in scoring for the past two seasons, nearly topping the 17 points per game plateau during his junior season. Although the accolades keep rolling in, Walter said he'd trade his ability for a state championship.

"It would be better if we were a really good team, and I was a really good player, too," Walter said. "But I would take a state championship over being the best player on the team any day."

Walter eyes another stellar season next year as he concludes his tenure in Maryville. When looking at the future, Walter said he wants to play in college.

"I'm not sure where I would be able to play in college, maybe Junior College, but it is definitely a goal of mine to reach that level," Walter said.

Community Girls Athlete of the Year: Jaclyn Guess

As the only girls' state track participant last year, Jaclyn Guess knows how to lead. And she showed that in her senior season's three sports.

Guess, an honorable mention all-conference member, led the basketball team to the district semifinal, before adding to her continued winning streak in the 100-meter hurdles.

When not gaining these accolades, Guess trains in the off-season and plays tennis during the fall.

"Playing three sports helps me stay in shape, especially for track," Guess said. "I haven't done all that much in training for track this year, but with Jordan (Stiens) pushing me, I have been able to step up."

Guess currently owns the school's 100 hurdles record of 15.69, just recently broken in the Chillicothe meet April 13.

As this season dwindles, Guess, who holds a 3.5 GPA, hopes to return to the state meet, but this time with a better finish.

"The coaches are expecting me to go, so I want to meet that expectation," Guess said.

Henry, Brue have breakout seasons as first-time starters

By Brett Barger
Sports Reporter

College Coach of the Year: Steve Tappmeyer

With one starter returning, the Northwest men's basketball team was picked fifth in the MIAA preseason poll.

Tappmeyer silenced the critics, leading Northwest to a share of the MIAA regular season championship with Central Missouri. It was Northwest's first conference championship since 2002. For his efforts, Tappmeyer is the Northwest Missouri College Coach of the Year.

Northwest also advanced to its seventh regional tournament in eight years, before falling to Central Missouri in the semifinals.

Tappmeyer was also named MIAA Coach of the Year for the fourth time and DII Bulletin Coach of the Year.

Under Tappmeyer, Hunter Henry was selected as the MIAA MVP and Lance Sullivan earned MIAA Freshman of the Year honors. Henry and Sullivan made the All-MIAA first and second team, respectively.

Transfer John Hawkins earned a spot on the MIAA All-Defensive first team.

But don't expect Tappmeyer to take full credit for the team's success.

"I think it's the most misnamed award in the world," Tappmeyer said. "It probably should be the 'coaching staff of the year' or it should be the most coachable players of the year."

University Male Athlete of the Year: Hunter Henry

Hunter Henry took advantage of his first year as a starter and ran with it.

The Lenexa, Kan., native had a breakout season, earning MIAA MVP honors—the first sophomore since 1996 to win the award. Henry averaged 17.6 points, 7.6 rebounds and shot 58 percent from the field. The forward ended the season, scoring in double figures in 27 straight games. On top of being named MVP, Henry was a unanimous first-team All-MIAA selection and first-team All-South Central Region.

"I can't remember a night in the MIAA when he had a bad game," Tappmeyer said. "He was always the No. 1 guy on every team's scouting report."

University Female Athlete of the Year: Meghan Brue

Meghan Brue started strong and finished strong in her first year as a starter.

Brue, the Northwest Missouri Female College Athlete of the Year, had 23 points in Northwest's opening round playoff loss to West Texas A&M, paving the way for a bright future.

"Almost every game, you knew she was going to get into double figures somehow," Northwest coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "I knew she was going to give me 35 minutes a game, grab a bunch of rebounds and do her job."

In the conference opener against Fort Hays State, Brue made only three field goals, but it was her 11-of-13 performance from the free throw line that helped seal the win.

Against the same team, Brue had 20 points in the regular season finale, which kept the team's playoff hopes alive. Brue finished the season, leading the team in scoring (12.7), shooting percentage (45.8) and second in rebounding (6.2).

-MHS BASEBALL

'Hounds downed in extra innings

By Scott Levine
Community Sports Editor

The Maryville baseball team experienced a strange conclusion to Tuesday's contest against Savannah.

With the score knotted at nine runs apiece, Savannah moved a runner to third in the 10th inning. With only one out, the infield came in expecting a play at the plate.

A grounder came to the infield's left side where the third baseman threw toward home.

Trying to get the go-ahead runner out, Tappmeyer said. "He was always the No. 1 guy on every team's scouting report."

Maryville coach Thom Alvarez said the team had plenty of chances to win.

"We didn't get it done," Alvarez said. "We made errors that cost us the game."

Klay Talmadge went 2-for-6 with one RBI, while Andy Walter also had two hits and drove in two runs, as Maryville fell behind 4-0 after the game's first two innings.

Down two heading into the top of the sixth, Maryville posted three runs giving them a one-run advantage. However, that advantage was short lived as Savannah tallied a run in the bottom half of seventh.

Heading into the eighth, the 'Hounds seemed poised for the victory garnering three runs, but

Savannah answered with three runs in the bottom half.

"We never quit and we battled back from an early hole," Alvarez said. "We were also a little bit aggressive in those extra innings, as we scored right away."

Aaron Duecker attained a no-decision, giving up five earned runs over six innings.

The 'Hounds also suffered defeat Monday against Lafayette. Maryville allowed six runs in the second inning as Lafayette won 13-8.

"We made several errors that cost us the game," Alvarez said. "Matt Blackney pitched well, but gave up eight unearned runs."

Blackney added two hits and two runs, while Ryan Stiens registered three hits and two RBIs.

Maryville did move into the win column this past week with a 12-5 victory over Bishop LeBlond April 13. The 'Hounds jumped to a 12-1 lead after three innings and cruised from there.

"Jesse Lemar pitched a dominant game," Alvarez said. "He really kept the other team in check."

Lemar hurled eight strikeouts and allowed two earned runs. Blackney and Stiens each had two hits with Blackney driving in two runs.

Maryville moves to 3-4 on the season and returns home at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, against Benton.

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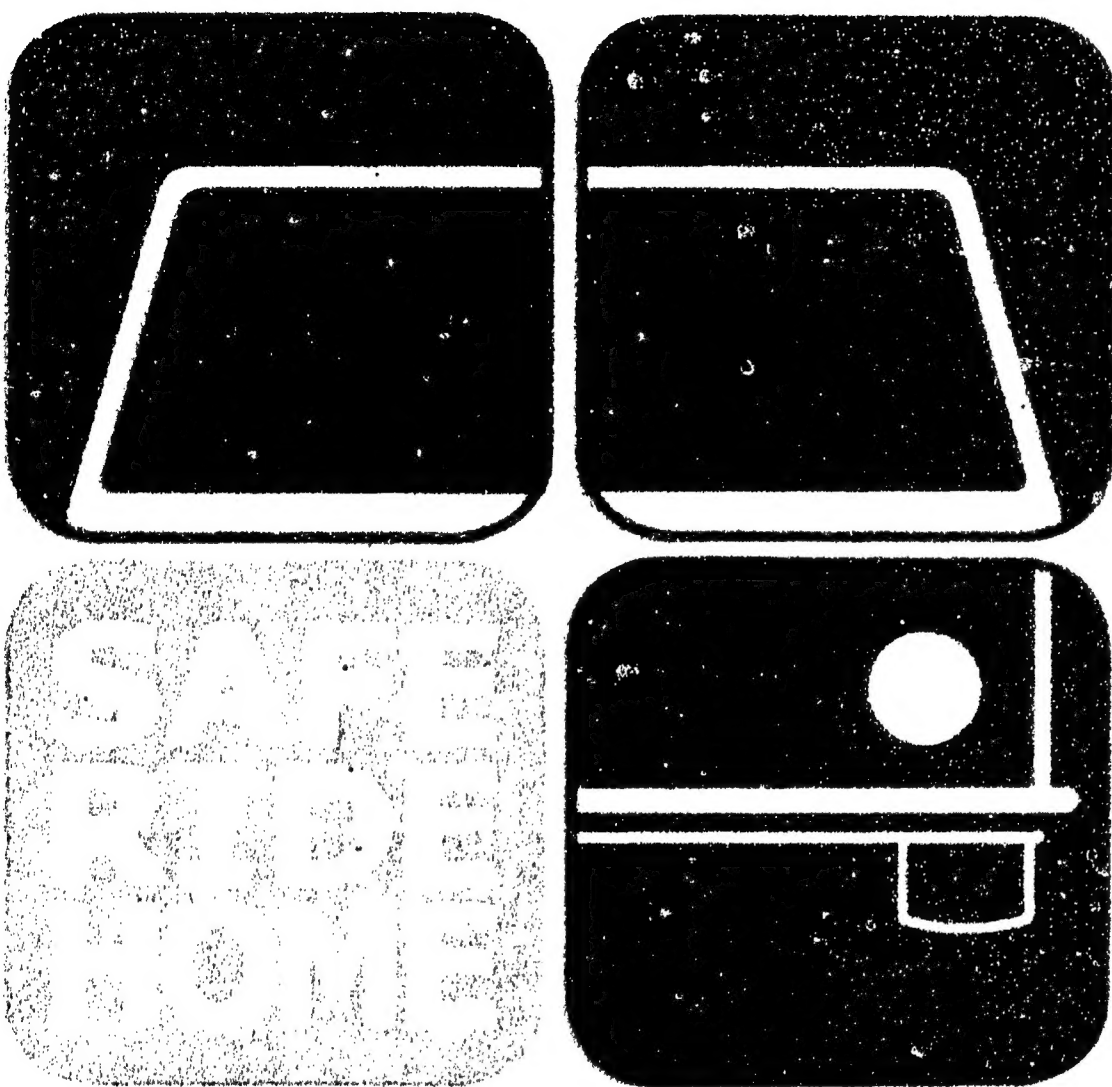
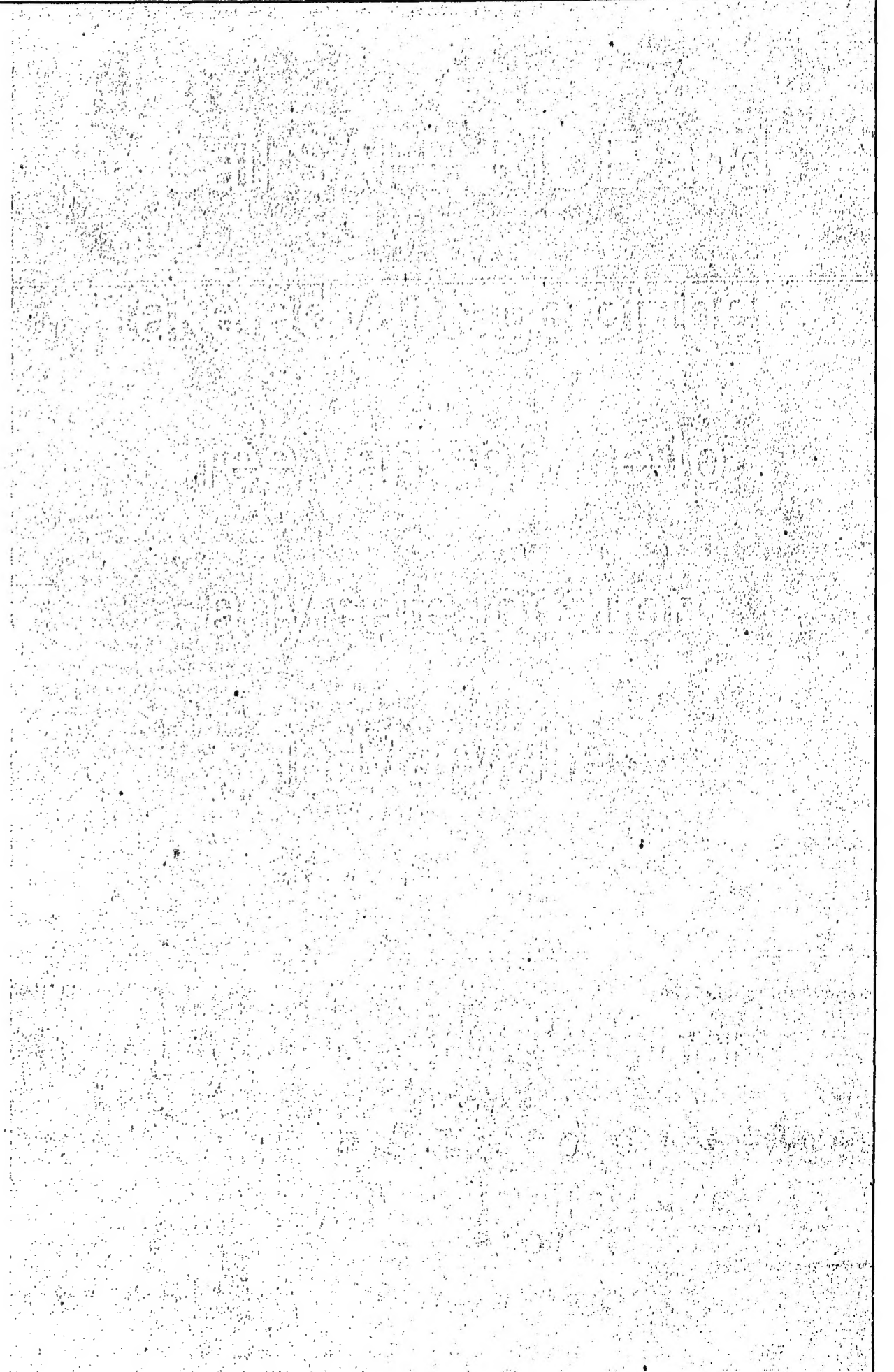
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